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SUBJECT: LE DUC THO REJECTS NOBEL PRIZE

REF: FBIS OKINAWA B231712Z OCTOBER 1973

1. REFERENCE IS VIETNAM NEWS AGENCY (VNA) BROADCAST OF OCTOBER 23 CONTAINING TEXT LE DUC THO'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT OF NOBEL PRIZE COMMITTEE REJECTING NOBEL PEACE PRIZE AWARDED HIM JOINTLY WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. THO SAID HE REJECTS PRIZE BECAUSE "PEACE HAS NOT BEEN REALLY RESOTRED IN SOUTH VIET-NAM." PREDICTABLY, HE BLAMES THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS ON "THE VERY SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF MANY ESSENTIAL PROVISIONS OF THE (PARIS) AGREEMENT" COMMITTED BY THE GVN, ALLEGEDLY WITH "US SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT."

2. THO ALSO TAKES ISSUE WITH THE NOTION THAT PARIS AGREEMENT WAS IN ANY WAY A COMPROMISE, AN IDEA MADE EXPLICIT BY THE NOBEL COMMITTEE IN ITS CITATION AWARDING THE PRIZE. QUITE THE CONTRARY, THO BOASTS, "THE US IMPERIALISTS HAVE BEEN DEFEATED; THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIET-NAM HAS BEEN CONCLUDED; IT CONSTITUTES A GREAT,
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EPOCH-MAKING VICTORY OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE...." THO

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IN CONSLUSION, SAID THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER ACCEPTING
PRIZE WHEN THE "THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIET-NAM IS
RESPECTED, GUNS ARE SILENCED, AND PEACE IS REALLY RESTORED
IN SOUTH VIET-NAM."

3. COMMENT: THO'S REJECTION OF THE PRIZE WAS WIDELY
PREDICTED. HANOI PROBABLY FELT THAT THE AWARD, WERE THO
TO ACCEPT IT, MIGHT EMBARRASS THE REGIME SHOULD IT
CHOOSE TO RESUME LARGE-SCALE HOSTILITIES AT ANY
TIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
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